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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re:
R & R TRUCKING, INC.,
Debtor.
Case No. 19-00473-FPC11

In Re:
RICARDO CANTU & ROSA CANTU
Debtors.

DEBTORS' JOINT MOTION FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF CASES AND THE USE OF A CONSOLIDATED MASTER MAILING LIST AND NOTICE THEREOF

COME NOW Debtors, R & R Trucking and Ricardo & Rosa Cantu, by and through their respective attorneys, William L. Hames of Hames, Anderson, Whitlow & O'Leary, P.S. and Josh Busey of Bailey & Busey, PLLC, and jointly move for an order (a) providing for the joint administration of these cases for procedural purposes only, including the use of consolidated lists and that the Court maintain one file and 1 docket for these Chapter 11 cases under the lead case *In Re R & R Trucking, Inc.*; and (b) approving the use of a consolidated Master Mailing List. This motion is supported by the records and files herein and the declaration of Ricardo Cantu.

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I. BACKGROUND

1.1 On March 1, 2019, R & R Trucking filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding in the Eastern District of Washington, with the cause number of 19-00473.

1.2 On April 26, 2019, Ricardo & Rosa Cantu, owners of R & R Trucking and personal guarantor on many of R & R Trucking's obligations, filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding in the Eastern District of Washington, with the cause number of 19-01089.

1.3 Each of the Debtors are currently Debtors-in-Possession of their property and are operating as Debtors-in-Possession under §§ 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.4 R & R Trucking, Inc. is a family owned business whose sole owner is Ricardo Cantu and who further has the sole voting power associated with R & R Trucking. Together, the Debtors operate an active agricultural trucking company with 35 tractor/trailer rigs and transport agricultural produce all over the United States. Ricardo & Rosa Cantu own all of the assets used by R & R Trucking. The real estate property is leased to R & R Trucking to allow the Cantu's to pay the mortgage on the property.

1.5 Debtor, R & R Trucking, has filed an order authorizing the use of cash collateral (ECF 25). A stipulated order granting the use of cash collateral was entered on 06/03/2019 (ECF 58). The cash collateral motion describes the background and structure of R & R Trucking along with the assets and primary secured creditors of R & R Trucking. The statements and facts incorporated in the cash collateral motion and accompanying declarations are fully incorporated into this motion.

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1.6 The primary creditor of R & R Trucking is Bank of Eastern Washington, a branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. The Cantus are personal guarantors on that debt. The Bank of Eastern Washington is owed approximately \$918,670.19.

1.7 R & R Trucking is also indebted to BMO Harris Bank, N.A., ENGS Commercial Finance, Paccar Financial Corp. and Volvo Financial Services, a division of VFS US, LLC. Ricard & Rosa Cantu are personal guarantors on each of those debts.

II. JURISDICTION

2.1 This Court has jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. §157(b) and 1334. This matter is a core proceeding as defined in 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A) and (O).

III. ARGUMENT

Joint Administration of These Cases Is Appropriate

3.1 Pursuant to FRBP 1015(b), if two or more petitions are pending in the same court by a debtor or an affiliate, the Court may order joint administration of the cases. Ricardo & Rosa Cantu have the sole and complete voting power over R & R Trucking, Inc. Accordingly, each of the debtors are an affiliate of the other as determined by 11 U.S.C. §§ 101(2). Rule 1015(b) contemplates the joint administration of these cases.

3.2 The relief requested is appropriate because it will benefit the Debtors estate as stated below:

a. Based on the integral relationship of the Debtors and the similarity in their creditors, joint administration will lessen or reduce the administrative costs.

b. The Debtors business operations are closely related and a portion of general administration and operational expenses are shared. Joint administration will provide for efficiency and eliminate the need for duplicative notices, applications, motions and orders.

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1 c. A consolidated master mailing matrix will best ensure that notice of
2 the proceedings will be comprehensively provided and lessen the administrative burden.

3 d. For the sake of clarity and simplicity, the Debtors request that only
4 one court file and one court docket be maintained, which file and docket should be the
5 file established for R & R Trucking, Inc.

6 e. Creditors and parties in interest will benefit from a reduction in costs,
7 efficiency, clarity and simplicity provided by the joint administration under the relief
8 outlined herein.

9 f. The court staff will be relieved of the burden of entering duplicative
10 orders and maintaining duplicative files.

11 g. The supervision and administration of these cases by the office of
12 the Trustee will be simplified by the joint administration.

13 IV. CONCLUSION

14 Based on the foregoing, the Debtors respectfully request the entry of an order
15 permitting joint administration, use of a consolidated Master Mailing List and such other
16 relief as the Court deems just and proper.

17 NOTICE

18 **IF YOU OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY DEBTORS, YOU MUST
19 FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION WITH THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED
20 COURT AT P.O. BOX 2164, 904 W. RIVERSIDE, ROOM 304, SPOKANE, WA 99201,
21 ON OR BEFORE 24 DAYS (21 DAYS PLUS 3 DAYS MAILING) FROM THE DATE OF
22 THIS NOTICE, AND SERVE A COPY OF THE UNDERSIGNED AT P.O. BOX 5498,
23 KENNEWICK, WA 99336; AND TO THE US TRUSTEE AT THE US COURTHOUSE,
24 920 W. RIVERSIDE #593, SPOKANE, WA 99201.**

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**SHOULD YOU FAIL TO OBJECT AS SET FORTH ABOVE, PLEASE FURTHER
BE ADVISED THAT THE RELIEF REQUESTED MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT
FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU.**

DATED this 7th day of October 2019.

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